

Watch This Space Each Saturday For Up-to-the-Minute Farm News and Market Activities.

Testing for Bovine Tuberculosis Is Finished in Center Township; Work Now Progressing in German

Out of 780 Animals Tested, 71 Were Found to Be Victims of Disease.

Work of testing for bovine tuberculosis in Center township has been completed and Dr. C. T. Howard, federal veterinarian who finished up that county is now working in German township.

In all, 780 head of cattle were tested and of that amount 71 of the animals reacted to the test and were slaughtered at Chicago, the last load being shipped yesterday and slaughtered Friday.

Seventy-two herds were tested, which included 25 percent of the total number of cattle in Center township.

Few Owners Refused Test.

For various reasons a few of the owners of cattle did not desire a test, and, as there was nothing compulsory about the matter, naturally their herds were not touched.

It was learned later that several who previously had decided they did not wish to have their cattle tested changed their minds after it was too late.

As it is impossible to retrace ground when once a territory is covered, the farmer who does not desire to have the test made before the area in which he is located is reached, occupies a position of practical isolation. This is especially true so far as mixing his cattle for breeding purposes with cattle that has been tested, or of selling or exchanging cattle with his neighbors who have submitted to the test and been given a clean bill of health.

Seventy-two reactors out of 72 herds would indicate the need of everyone testing, or according to the law of averages, it would mean that every herd but one had a reactor.

Of course this is theoretical. Many herds had none, while some herds lost half their number through the disease.

Test Means Much.

To Center township and South Bend this testing means much. It means that 71 cows which have had tuberculosis have been slaughtered. These cows, averaging two gallons of milk daily, would produce 568 quarts of tubercular infested milk each day. It means that the 568 quarts of tubercular milk, a large quantity of which has been distributed in South Bend, has ceased to flow into the homes of this city to infect children and grown folks with the white plague.

As farmers begin to realize the importance of cleaning up their herds and weeding out the diseased animals, just that quickly will the percentage of cattle tested per township increase.

Some Farmers Suspicious.

Some farmers look upon testing for bovine tuberculosis as a graft of some sort figured out whereby the veterinarian may make a living during the winter months; others that it is a silly idea and that they themselves, can tell by looking at their animal whether or not they are infected.

As a matter of fact they never were so far wrong in such decisions. The federal veterinarian receives only a nominal salary and gets no more or less whether he tests ten or a hundred animals a day, and it has been proved that the disease can no longer be detected by mere observation methods.

From information gathered from persons who know, there will never be a better opportunity given farmers to clean up their herds than the proposition now being worked out in St. Joseph county through the cooperation of the Farm Federation, the state and government.

Now, the farmer has a chance to receive a reasonable indemnity for condemned animals. In the near future it is freely predicted there will be state and federal legislation passed which will compel the testing of all cattle and killing condemned animals, perhaps without and compensation for the loss.

A Vital Matter.

So, this is a vital matter and should receive immediate consideration, for it concerns not only the farmer, his family and his herd, but all citizens of St. Joseph county, as well.

TWO GOOD METHODS FOR TREATING SEED

Now is the Time to Think About Insuring Seed by Treating for Smut.

With the plowing and planting season for oats just a few days away it is a good idea for us to give some attention to what method we are going to use for securing seed insurance by treating for oat smut.

The United States Department of Agriculture gives two methods which are comparatively simple and are said to be very effective. They are called the "wet" and "dry" methods.

The two methods follow:

Wet Method.—Sprinkle seed until thoroughly moist with solution of 1 pint of formaldehyde to 40 gallons of water, shoveling over repeatedly to distribute moisture evenly. 40 gallons will treat 60 bushels. Shovel into a pile and cover with sacking or burlap for two hours, or even night. Dry by spreading in thin layers and stirring occasionally with rake. Smut may be sown when dry enough to be freely through the drill setting the drill to sow about two weeks more per acre to allow for swollen condition of grain. If it is to be stored for several days longer, dry thoroughly. Disinfect sacks, bin and drill to prevent re-infection.

Dry Method.—Mix one pint of formaldehyde with one pint of water and use in small hand sprayer. Atomizer sprayers can be purchased for 50 to 75 cents. Spray the solution on grain as this is being shoveled over, holding sprayer close to grain and taking care that the mist is well distributed. One stroke of the sprayer gives enough mist for each handful of grain. One quart of solution will treat 50 bushels. When all grain is treated shovel into a pile, and carefully cover for five hours as directed under the wet method. The grain may be sown immediately after the treatment, or allowed to air thoroughly and stored in disinfected sacks or bins until needed.

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DOWN LOVER'S LANE.

walked down the lane together, sky was covered with stars,

reached the gate in silence,

he lifted for her, the bars,

either smiled or thanked him

she knew not how,

he was just a farmer lad,

she was a Jersey cow.

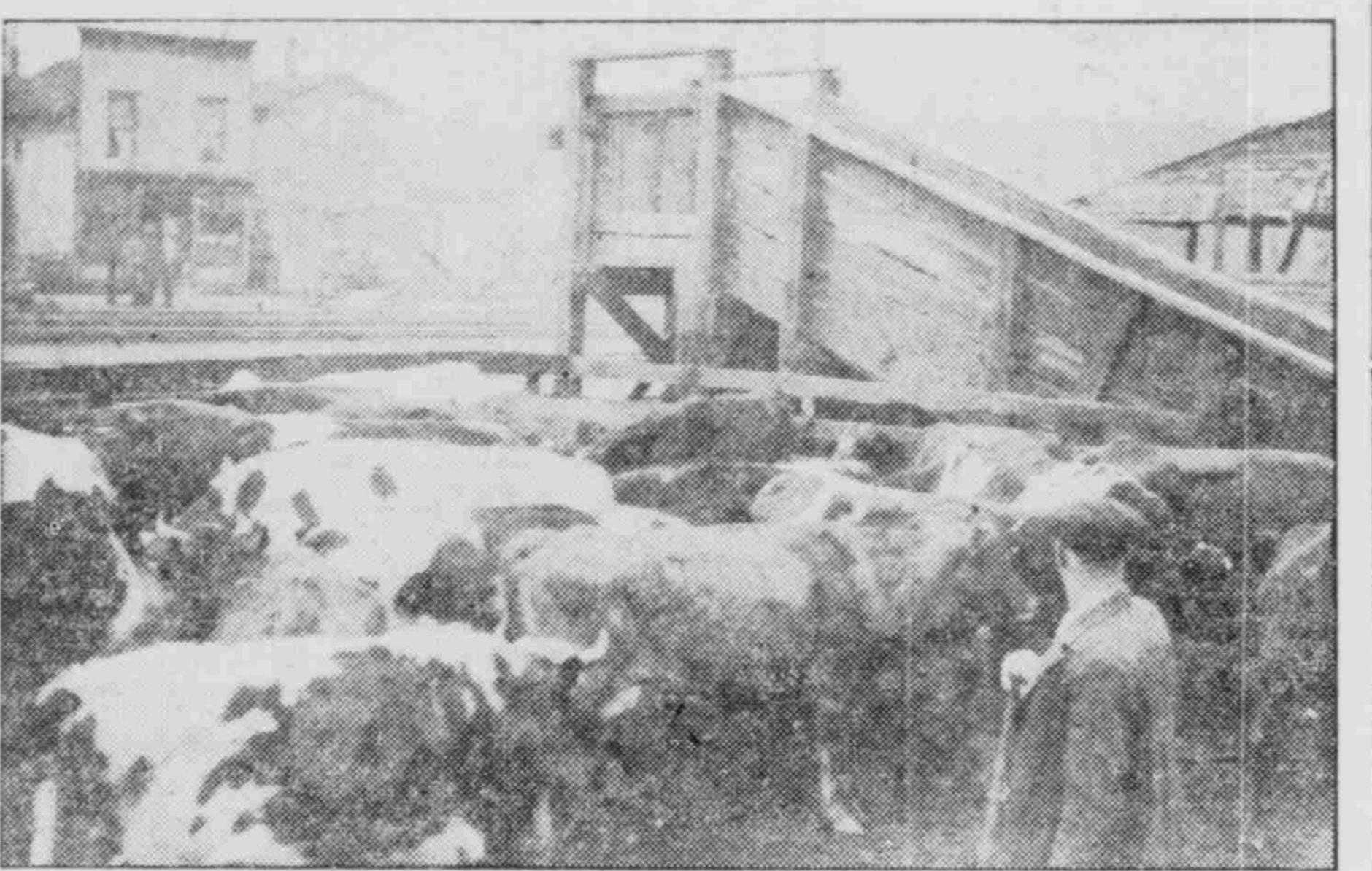
To combat the wave of crime all Paris is being thumb-printed.

English is the common language on the island of Jamaica.

ACTIVITIES AMONG THE FARMERS

Edited by Walter J. Vincent

Final Shipment of Tubercular Cattle From Center Township



News-Times Photo

These cattle, which were slaughtered at Chicago Friday under federal inspection mark the first real step in the cleanup of bovine tuberculosis in St. Joseph county, which is being done township by township. German township, which has started testing this week, will be the second township to finish the work.

Cow Testing Association

Feeling that they desire to be represented on the board of trustees by a man who is not hampered by political affiliations, the members of Calena township have decided to place the name of their own candidate on the primary ballot this spring. With this in view, a meeting has been called for tomorrow night at the Center school house, and the matter of naming the candidate will be taken up. Only members of the bureau will be permitted to attend the meeting.

A prominent Galena township farmer stated this morning that it is the desire of the voters in that vicinity to eliminate politics from the choice. They are anxious to secure a man who will not be under the domination of either political party.

Galena township is considering the erection of a new school house in addition to various other improvements, and in this work the farm bureau wants a man who is capable of progressive leadership.

The LaPorte County Farm Bureau has long been interested in the political affairs of the county. It was largely through the efforts of this organization that the former board of county commissioners resigned and that the present board was appointed. All members of the board of commissioners are now members of the farm bureau, two of them being directors in the organization.

Inquiries have been coming to the Farm Bureau office from dairymen who feel that they need a Cow Testing Association to take the lead out of their business.

Jack Stroop, who has filed his nomination for trustee for the nomination of trustee in Galena township, is a member of the farm bureau, but no indication has been given as to whether or not he will receive the support of that body.

Several Good Qualities of This Brand of Hog Are Pointed Out Briefly.

By I. J. MATTHEWS, Pulaski County Agricultural Agent.

I do not claim to have the only breed of hogs on earth; that would be registration and narrow but I do think I have the only breed of hogs for me. We have raised all the different lard breeds and have finally settled on the Chester White as the hog that satisfies us. The Chester White will hold its own with any of the other breeds and at the recent International Livestock show it did them one better by capturing seven of the possible ten prizes offered in the dressed carcass class.

This method of knowing, instead of guessing has been worked out through a cow testing association. A tester is employed to visit each herd one day each month. There being twenty-six working days, then twenty-six dairymen form this ring. The tester weighs and tests the milk from each cow and weighs the feed and figures the costs on each cow once each month. By actual record this has been found to be within 2 per cent of accuracy as compared with the testing and weighing of each milking throughout the year.

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